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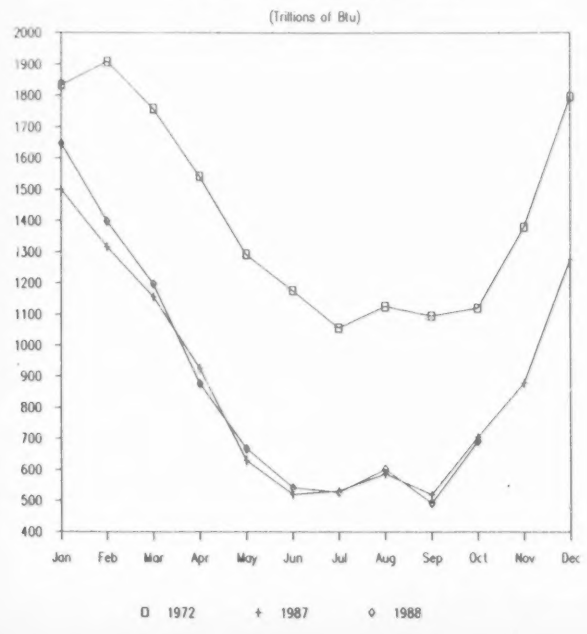
Residential, commercial and industrial sales increased while electric generation sales decreased in October 1988 compared with last year. Total utility sales were down from 704.2 trillion Btu in October 1987 to 691.9 trillion Btu in October 1988. Transportation volumes to end-users were up 4.2 percent compared with last year.

GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

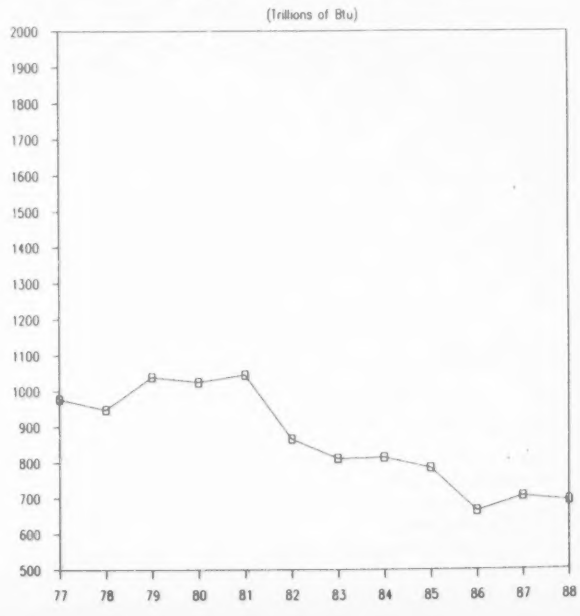
	October			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31		
	1988	1987	%Change[1]	1988	(% Change) Last Period	1988 Forecast[2]	1987	% Change
Residential	251.2	239.3	+ 5.0	3,611.6	+ 6.9	4,616.9	4,384.8	+ 5.3
Commercial	135.2	134.3	+ 0.7	1,796.7	+ 6.7	2,290.8	2,155.8	+ 6.3
Industrial*	202.5	190.5	+ 6.3	1,942.2	+ 2.0	2,377.2	2,338.8	+ 1.6
Elec. Gen.*	91.5	128.8	- 28.9	1,168.6	- 10.3	1,374.4	1,509.1	- 8.9
Other	11.5	11.3	-	123.8	-	155.6	154.7	-
Total Sales	691.9	704.2	- 1.7	8,642.9	+ 3.0	10,814.9	10,543.2	+ 2.6
Transportation*	346.5	332.5	+ 4.2	3,346.2	+ 18.3	3,944.5	3,426.9	+ 15.1
Total Volumes	1,038.4	1,036.7	+ 0.2	11,989.1	+ 6.9	14,759.4	13,970.1	+ 5.6**

*Significant sales volumes have been displaced by transportation volumes.
**No direct comparison with EIA consumption figures should be made.

TOTAL MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES



OCTOBER TOTAL GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - OCTOBER

(Thousands of Units)

		1988	1987	% Change '87 vs. '88
Domestic Ranges	- Gas	203.3	210.5	- 3.4
	- Electric	301.6	307.4	- 1.9
Clothes Dryers	- Gas	93.3	93.0	+ 0.3
	- Electric	319.2	310.0	+ 3.0
Water Heaters	- Gas	380.8	360.6	+ 5.6
	- Electric	308.1	294.4	+ 4.7
Warm Air Furnaces	- Gas	251.9	240.6	+ 4.7
	- Electric	23.1	29.1	- 20.7
	- Oil	27.2	25.8	+ 5.5
Boilers	- Gas	32.1	28.4	+ 12.9
	- Electric	0.1	0.1	- 49.2
	- Oil	20.5	18.1	+ 12.9

Source: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA). Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers.

SPOT PRICES TO GAS DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES

(October 1988)

Receipt Point	Price ($/MMBtu)[a]
Northeast	$2.18
Southeast	$2.26
Midwest	$2.09
Southwest	$1.72
West	$2.03
Total	$2.03

Source: American Gas Association

[a]Represents average price paid at receipt point for a one-month contract.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - OCTOBER

	1988	1987	% Change '87 vs '88
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	138.0	139.1	- 0.8
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1982 - 1984 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	96.7	95.7	+ 1.0
Electricity	112.2	108.9	+ 3.0
Fuel Oil	70.9	76.6	- 7.4

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	61.8	62.9	- 1.7
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	5.78	5.74	+ 0.7
Commercial	4.51	4.56	- 1.1
Industrial	2.63	2.94	- 10.5
Electric Generation	2.53	2.41	+ 5.0
Total	4.13	4.10	+ 0.7
Carriage Volumes[3] (Trillions of Btu)			
To Ultimate Consumers	346.5	332.5	+ 4.2
For Ultimate Consumers	87.9	87.4	+ 0.6
For Resale	587.3	572.5	+ 2.6
Total	1,021.7	992.4	+ 3.0

Source: American Gas Association

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING

($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind. Only	Elec. Gen.	Other
1979	Dec.	2.522	2.918	2.665	2.261	2.120	1.937
1980	Dec.	3.134	3.612	3.336	3.184	2.651	2.667
1981	Dec.	3.650	4.161	3.909	3.311	3.241	3.458
1982	Dec.	4.456	4.969	4.721	3.969	4.090	4.303
1983	Dec.	5.120	5.882	5.508	4.486	4.198	4.921
1984	Dec.	5.128	5.938	5.511	4.410	4.222	4.869
1985	Dec.	5.017	5.953	5.441	4.248	3.812	4.791
1986	Dec.	4.602	5.651	5.035	3.650	2.726	4.025
1987	Oct.	4.357	5.434	4.783	3.203	2.541	3.525
	Nov.	4.336	5.413	4.774	3.157	2.529	3.486
	Dec.	4.315	5.387	4.764	3.112	2.513	3.424
1988[P]	Jan.	4.301	5.338	4.736	3.106	2.520	3.370
	Feb.	4.285	5.300	4.708	3.092	2.531	3.343
	Mar.	4.275	5.291	4.698	3.081	2.528	3.311
	Apr.	4.279	5.283	4.694	3.068	2.535	3.316
	May	4.162	5.277	4.678	3.050	2.513	3.318
	Jun.	4.150	5.271	4.661	3.026	2.506	3.302
	Jul.	4.142	5.270	4.648	2.988	2.512	3.337
	Aug.	4.242	5.267	4.630	2.952	2.562	3.344
	Sep.	4.242	5.267	4.620	2.936	2.577	3.361
	Oct.	4.244	5.270	4.617	2.909	2.590	3.356

AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS UTILITY PRICES

($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.& Elec.	Ind. Only	Elec. Only
1986	Oct.	4.41	6.22	4.95	3.10	3.39	2.59
	Nov.	4.51	5.49	4.77	3.24	3.52	2.62
	Dec.	4.55	5.15	4.72	3.35	3.60	2.76
1987	Jan.	4.48	5.13	4.74	2.94	3.03	2.62
	Feb.	4.60	5.15	4.79	3.23	3.43	2.62
	Mar.	4.47	5.13	4.72	3.11	3.34	2.63
	Apr.	4.29	5.26	4.78	2.92	3.25	2.53
	May	4.18	5.77	4.93	2.78	2.98	2.50
	Jun.	4.35	6.92	5.36	2.75	3.01	2.42
	Jul.	4.01	6.55	4.88	2.81	3.06	2.54
	Aug.	3.83	6.71	4.87	2.70	2.98	2.47
	Sep.	4.00	6.39	4.75	2.76	2.97	2.54
	Oct.	4.10	5.74	4.56	2.72	2.94	2.41
	Nov.	4.27	5.30	4.68	2.84	3.05	2.43
	Dec.	4.38	5.01	4.65	2.98	3.17	2.54
1988[P]	Jan.	4.37	4.91	4.57	2.95	2.99	2.79
	Feb.	4.46	5.33	4.61	3.21	3.28	2.94
	Mar.	4.37	5.06	4.63	2.99	3.20	2.55
	Apr.	4.33	5.16	4.74	2.92	3.09	2.63
	May	4.04	5.61	4.60	2.52	2.72	2.26
	Jun.	4.10	6.63	4.88	2.50	2.64	2.33
	Jul.	3.82	6.51	4.54	2.53	2.55	2.60
	Aug.	3.73	6.62	4.40	2.69	2.53	2.84
	Sep.	3.99	6.37	4.48	2.71	2.70	2.72
	Oct.	4.13	5.78	4.51	2.60	2.63	2.53

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[1]Gas volumes are based on, and the percent change is a function of, the 69 sample companies whose sales constitute about 58% of total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers. The peak year in total sales for the gas utility industry occurred in 1972.

[2]1988 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1988 monthly data with the remaining months derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast (industrial only, electric generation, and transportation) is also based on available 1988 monthly data with the remaining months of 1988 heavily weighted by last years volumes with no adjustment made for degree days.

[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes owned by the ultimate consumer but delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.

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